Subject: British halfpenny of 1749

Singletary, W.O.
[Warsaw, N.C.]

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Warsaw, N. C.,
6/26/28

Hon. F. M. Simmons,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

I have in my possession what, I think, is a rather rare specimen of English coin. It is about the size of our half dollar, is of copper or an alloy of copper, on one side is an engraving of a man which I take to be that of the King at that time, and in the border surrounding this is GEORGIUS 11 REX.
On the other side is engraved the likeness of a woman and in the border surrounding this is the word BRITTANIA and underneath the likeness of the woman is the date 1743, The coin is fairly well preserved, remarkably so for one so old.

It seems to me that this coin should be especially interesting to a collector of British coins, as well as to other collectors.

I will appreciate your opinion on this matter and will thank you to put me in touch, if you can, with some collecters whom you think might be interested in this old coin.

I have thought of addressing a communication to the British Consulate at Washington, but I have hesitated to do so. Please advise me about this and tell me how to address the right party so that I would be favored with a reply.

Apolobizing to you for taking your valuable time on a matter like this and assuring you of my appreciation of any thing that you may do for me, and assuring you of my admiration of you for the stand you took in the Gov. Al Smith matter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

W. O. Singletary.

(Signed) W. O. Singletary

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Washington, D. C.,
June 29th, 1928

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My dear Mr. Singletary:-

I have your letter of June 26th enquiring about the probable value of a copper British coin carrying date of 1743, which is in your possession; and I am gladly bringing your inquiry to the attention of an organization which I understand to be engaged specifically in the business of dealing with antique coins, etc; to-wit: American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York City, with the request that they advise you concerning this matter.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

(signed) F. M. Simmons

Mr. W. O. Singletary,
Warsaw,
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COPY TO:

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, betwwen 155th and 156th Streets,
New York City,
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for the favor of their kind attention.

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Respectfully referred to

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for the favor of their kind attention.

Respectfully,

F. M. Simmons

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Copy to Hon. F.M.Simmons

30th June, 1928

Mr. W. O. Singletary,
Warsaw, N.C.

Dear Sir:

A copy of your letter to the Hon. F. M. Simmons has been sent to us for reply. Unfortunately, your British halfpenny of 1743 has no value. Countless thousands of these were coined, and a great many at about this time and later were sent to this country for change here. About 1749, a number of kegs were sent over to pay debts for supplies, etc., incurred by the English Government for the Lewisburg expedition. These coins sell at wholesale for 40 cents a hundred and at retail dealers get only a few cents each for them.

Very truly yours,

Curator